

In response to this new ground of rejection, a terminal disclaimer is being filed herewith, disclaiming the terminal portion of the statutory term of any patent issuing from the present application, in accordance with the provisions of the terminal disclaimer. Accordingly, withdrawal of the outstanding ground of rejection and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

With respect to claim 20, which was withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to a restriction requirement, allowance of this claim is requested in view of the fact that claim 20 depends from claim 13, which stands allowed on the record. Since claim 13 stands allowed, claim 20 is allowable since it includes all of the limitations of claim 13.

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Respectfully submitted,

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